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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 24, 1955

Mr. RICHARDS introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

JANUARY 24, 1955

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

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## JOINT RESOLUTION

Authorizing the President to employ the Armed Forces of the United States for protecting the security of Formosa, the Pescadores and related positions and territories of that area.

Whereas the primary purpose of the United States, in its relations with all other nations, is to develop and sustain a just and enduring peace for all; and

Whereas certain territories in the West Pacific under the jurisdiction of the Republic of China are now under armed attack, and threats and declarations have been and are being made by the Chinese Communists that such armed attack is in aid of and in preparation for armed attack on Formosa and the Pescadores,

Whereas such armed attack if continued would gravely endanger the peace and security of the West Pacific Area and particularly of Formosa and the Pescadores; and

Whereas the secure possession by friendly governments of the

Western Pacific Island chain, of which Formosa is a part, is essential to the vital interests of the United States and all friendly nations in or bordering upon the Pacific Ocean; and

Whereas the President of the United States on January 6, 1955, submitted to the Senate for its advice and consent to ratification a Mutual Defense Treaty between the United States of America and the Republic of China, which recognizes that an armed attack in the West Pacific area directed against territories, therein described, in the region of Formosa and the Pescadores, would be dangerous to the peace and safety of the parties to the treaty: Therefore be it

1        *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2        *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3        That the President of the United States be and he hereby is  
4        authorized to employ the Armed Forces of the United States  
5        as he deems necessary for the specific purpose of securing and  
6        protecting Formosa and the Pescadores against armed  
7        attack, this authority to include the securing and protection  
8        of such related positions and territories of that area now in  
9        friendly hands and the taking of such other measures as he  
10       judges to be required or appropriate in assuring the defense  
11       of Formosa and the Pescadores.

12       This resolution shall expire when the President shall  
13       determine that the peace and security of the area is reason-  
14       ably assured by international conditions created by action  
15       of the United Nations or otherwise, and shall so report to  
16       the Congress.

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